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### **EPA News Release (Region 7): \$291,000 Grant to Keokuk, Iowa, for Sewer Project**

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### **\$291,000 Grant to Keokuk, Iowa, for Sewer Project**

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#### **Environmental News**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

(Lenexa, Kan., May 28, 2013) - EPA Region 7 has awarded \$291,000 to the City of Keokuk, Iowa, for improvements to its sewer system. The project is expected to be completed by the fall of 2014.

EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks said, "The grant will improve aging water infrastructure and spearhead new projects that will reduce sewer overflows and improve water quality. These water infrastructure funds will help fund a construction project which is estimated to cost \$5.4 million."

The purpose of the project is to construct new sanitary and storm sewer systems, which will eliminate four sewer overflows. The new sewer will provide adequate capacity for both current and anticipated future flows.

Keokuk is one of 10 Iowa cities that have combined sewer systems. These systems typically use one pipe that combines sanitary sewer and storm sewer to the wastewater treatment plants during normal rainfall. However, during rainfall, this system sometimes overflows into nearby streams.

A long-term strategy has been developed to eliminate six combined sewer overflows in Keokuk that drain either into the Mississippi River or Soap Creek.

EPA oversees the protection of water quality and public health. The Agency is working with community leaders and the public to meet the growing needs and demands of limited water resources. EPA remains committed to developing innovative and sustainable solutions for managing and financing infrastructure with public and private partners.

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**EPA News Media Advisory (Region 7): EPA Region 7 to Hold May 29 Press Call to Discuss Aerial Radiological Survey of West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, Mo.**

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**NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY - FOR COVERAGE PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY**

**EPA Region 7 to Hold May 29 Press Call to Discuss Aerial Radiological Survey of West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, Mo.**

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**Environmental News**

(Lenexa, Kan., May 28, 2013) - EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks will participate in a telephone media availability for working journalists from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, to discuss the results of an aerial radiological survey of the West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo.

EPA Region 7 requested the survey, which was conducted March 8 by EPA's Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology (ASPECT) Program, to gather data to help inform future decisions about the Superfund site. An ASPECT airplane with a pilot, co-pilot, technician and scientific equipment on board flew multiple low-altitude passes over the site and adjacent residential and industrial properties to identify surface areas that emit gamma radiation.

The ASPECT survey is part of EPA's work to update information collected through prior investigations. The 200-acre West Lake Landfill Site encompasses several inactive areas of closed sanitary and demolition fills, including two areas where leached barium sulfate waste from World War II-era nuclear weapons manufacturing was buried in the 1970s; and the separate Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill.

During the May 29 telephone media availability, Regional Administrator Brooks will summarize the results of the ASPECT survey and next steps in EPA's continuing work at the site, and answer journalists' questions. **NOTE: Because of a limited number of call-in lines, participation in this telephone availability is intended for working press members only.**

A corresponding EPA Region 7 press release, and the full text of the ASPECT survey report, will be available for review online by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, at [www.epa.gov/region7/cleanup/npl\\_files/index.htm#westlake](http://www.epa.gov/region7/cleanup/npl_files/index.htm#westlake).

**WHO: EPA Regional Administrator Karl Brooks**

**WHAT: Telephone Media Availability to Discuss Results of Aerial Radiological Survey of West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo.**

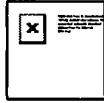
**WHEN: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Central Time, Wednesday, May 29, 2013**

**HOW: Dial the Conference Number, 1-866-299-3188 and enter Access Code 913-551-7444 at the prompt.**

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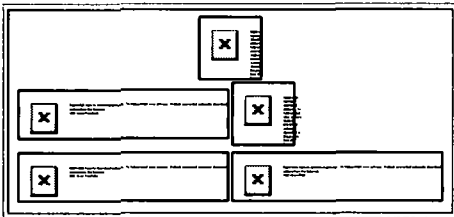
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